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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 415  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Chief Joel K. Seal upon his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should honor those noteworthy Tennesseans whose contributions to their profession are a source of inspiration for others to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Joel K. Seal, Chief of Police of the Morristown Police Department, is one such remarkable person, a voice of integrity for over 30 years in the law enforcement profession; and

WHEREAS, throughout its storied history, Morristown has benefited from the contributions of persons whose job it is to risk their lives daily in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, many have served quietly, but with diligence, energy, great ability and tremendous influence, yet their efforts on the public behalf earn them an honored place in the pantheon of distinguished Tennesseans; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Seal entered the Police Department of Morristown in April 1968; he was assigned to Criminal Investigations in March, 1972, and promoted to Chief of Police in May, 1977; and

WHEREAS, Chief Seal earned an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Walters State Community College, and attended Polygraph School at Texas A & M University, and also graduated from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy, the Southeastern Law Enforcement Executive Development Program in Florence, Alabama, and the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, respected by peers and superiors alike, Joel Seal is affiliated with the following Professional Organizations: Board of Directors-Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, 1982-1985; President-Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, 1986-1987; Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associates, 1975-present; Chairman-Upper East Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Commission, 1982-1989; Governor's Commission for Law Enforcement Training, 1988-1989; Peace Officer's Standards and Training Commission (P.O.S.T.), 1991-1994; Chairman-P.O.S.T., 1994; and

WHEREAS, Chief Seal is also active in various community and civic organizations of Morristown and Hamblen County; and

WHEREAS, Chief Seal has served with great compassion, loyalty to his subordinates, and grace under pressure; and

WHEREAS, Joel K. Seal is known as an honest, caring, and fair person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31st, 2000, Chief Seal will retire from his remarkable career as a policeman, which spanned thirty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seal is proudly received upon his retirement by his many loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Chief Seal's impact upon the Morristown Police Department, with respect to professionalism, order, stability and accountability made over the course of his career, cannot be overestimated; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee have benefited greatly as a result of the probity, honesty and dedication to hard work Mr. Seal has exhibited throughout his illustrious career; and

WHEREAS, Joel will be dearly missed by his many friends in Morristown, who see him as the perfect example of a person with unflagging commitment to the highest ideals of public service; he is an outstanding Tennessean who is especially deserving of this body's commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, WITH THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Chief Joel K. Seal for his meritorious 32-year career in law enforcement, congratulate him on his retirement, and extend to him our very best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.